

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim amendments/Status

Claims 1-9 are cancelled. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 10. Claims 10-18 remain pending in the application.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims 13-14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, is respectfully traversed. The above mentioned change in dependency of claim 13 is deemed to overcome this rejection. The rejection of claim 14 is also overcome.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 10-12 and 17 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Alhir (Learning UML, published July 2003) is respectfully traversed.

In the Applicants' opinion, the Examiner completely misunderstands this reference in that it appears to be completely irrelevant to present invention.

As a matter of fact, it is said at the first line of Chapter 3 – Class and object Diagrams (page 1/20):

"This chapter focuses on class and object diagrams, which depict the structure of a system in general...". This merely means that UML is used for drawing diagrams of a system for modelling it: see e.g. first line of the second paragraph of Chapter 3: "Class modelling is a specialized type of modelling concerned with the general structure of a system".

- This has nothing to do with a method for the production of a documentary chain. Moreover, § 3.1.1 relates to "classes", i.e., as said in § 3.1, "...classes that represent concepts..."

- Furthermore, the word "documentation" is nowhere to be found in this reference (from page 1/20 down to page 5/5).

Rejections under 35 USC § 103

The rejections of:

- 1) Claims 13 and 15-16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alhir and further in view of "Bringing It All Together" (July 2002, hereafter BIAT); and
- 2) Claim 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alhir and further in view of Pastor et al. (US 6681383, filed 4 April 2000, hereafter Pastor).

are summarily traversed.

BIAT merely describes Thales services related to the well known Rhapsody tool, but it does not mention any documentation production.

Pastor describes only a system for producing a conceptual model, and the data filtering it discloses comprises a formula and a list of auxiliary variables. On the contrary, our filter deals with documentation fragments and consists in selecting a fragment type on a screen display (see figure 2).

Further and more importantly, Alhir does not describe any documentation production method. Accordingly, it is not seen that it would rationally combinable with the any of the above-mentioned references.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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